



ADMIRAL ROBERT J. NATTER, USN
Commander in Chief, U.S. Atlantic Fleet

Admiral Robert J. Natter, United States Navy, was born April 9, 1945 at his home in Trussville, Alabama. He enlisted in the Naval Reserve at the age of 17 as a Seaman Recruit. Following one year of reserve enlisted service and four years at the Naval Academy, he was graduated and commissioned an Ensign in June 1967.

Admiral Natter's service at sea included department head tours in a Coastal Minesweeper and Frigate, and Executive Officer tours in two Amphibious Tank Landing Ships and a Spruance Destroyer. He was Officer-in-Charge of a Naval Special Warfare detachment in Vietnam and commanded USS CHANDLER (DDG 996), USS ANTIETAM (CG 54), and the United States SEVENTH Fleet.

Shore assignments included Company Officer and later Flag Secretary to the Superintendent at the U. S. Naval Academy; Executive Assistant to the Director of Naval Warfare in the Office of the Chief of Naval Operations (OPNAV); staff member for the House Armed Services Committee of the 100th Congress of the United States; Executive Assistant to the Commander in Chief, U. S. Pacific Fleet, Executive Assistant to the Vice Chairman, Joint Chiefs of Staff, during Desert Storm Operations in the Middle East; Assistant Chief of Naval Personnel for officer and enlisted personnel assignments; Chief of the Navy's Legislative Affairs organization; and Director for Space, Information Warfare, Command and Control (OPNAV N6). Most recently, he was the Deputy Chief of Naval Operations for Plans, Policy and Operations (OPNAV N3/N5).

Admiral Natter was a distinguished graduate of the U.S. Naval War College and has Masters Degrees in Business Management and International Relations. In May 2000, he was honored as the fifth recipient of the Naval War College's annual Distinguished Graduate Leadership Award.

His personal decorations include the Silver Star Medal, two awards of the Distinguished Service Medal, Defense Superior Service Medal, five awards of the Legion of Merit, Bronze Star Medal with Combat V, Purple Heart, two awards of the Meritorious Service Medal, Navy Commendation Medal with Combat V, Navy Achievement Medal with Combat V, and various unit and campaign awards.